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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 October 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to the arguments filed on 10/24/2008.
2. Claims 7-16 are pending in the application.
3. Claims 7-16 have been rejected.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 7-16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 7-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ozil et al hereafter Ozil (US patent 4,682,285) in view of Mooney et al hereafter Mooney (US Patent 5,515,440).
4. As per claim 7, Ozil discloses an authentication device comprising: message storage device, a protected device connected to said storage device, a display device connected to said protected device, characterized in that the protected device is constituted by a microprocessor card provided with inputs/outputs I1/O1 of

commands/data for the link with said storage device and I2/O2 of display for the link with said display device, physically separate (col. 1, lines 50-67, col. 2, lines 1-14, lines 44-67, col. 3, lines 1-50). Although, Ozil discloses the peripheral device. He does not expressly disclose the display device. In the same field of endeavor, Mooney discloses the display device (summary, col. 4, lines 1-45).

Accordingly, it would been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the network security art at the time of invention was made to have incorporated Mooney's teachings of display device with the teachings of Ozil, for the purpose of suitably using the coupling device for connection the storage device and displaying device with separated link.

5. As per claim 8, Ozil discloses the authentication device characterized in that the only logic link between the commands/data circulating between said protected device and said storage device on one hand and data circulating between said protected device and said display device on the other hand, is the software of said protected device (col. 2, lines 1-14, lines 44-67, col. 3, lines 1-50).

6. As per claim 9, Ozil does not disclose the authentication device characterized in that said display device is a printer, a screen, or a filing device. However, Mooney discloses the authentication device characterized in that said display device is a printer, a screen, or a filing device (summary, col. 4, lines 1-45).

The same motivation that was utilized in the combination of claim 7 applies equally as well to claim 9.

7. As per claim 10, Ozil discloses microprocessor card able to be connected to a message storage device and to a display device, characterized in that it is provided with

inputs/outputs I1/01 of commands/data for the link with said storage device and I2/02 of display for the link with said display device, physically separate (col. 1, lines 50-67, col. 2, lines 1-14, lines 44-67, col. 3, lines 1-50). Although, Ozil discloses the peripheral device. He does not expressly disclose the display device. In the same field of endeavor, Mooney discloses the display device (summary, col. 4, lines 1-45).

The same motivation that was utilized in the combination of claim 7 applies equally as well to claim 10.

8. As per claim 11, Ozil discloses the microprocessor card according to claim 10, characterized in that the only logic link between the commands/data circulating between said microprocessor card and said storage device on one hand and data circulating between said microprocessor card and said display device on the other hand, is the software of said card (col. 2, lines 1-14, lines 44-67, col. 3, lines 1-50).

9. As per claim 12, Ozil discloses the microprocessor card characterized in that it comprises a physically separate inlet to enter a confidential code (col. 1, lines 50-67, col. 2, lines 1-14, lines 44-67).

10. As per claim 13, Ozil discloses a box able to receive a protected device and able to be connected to a message storage device and to a display device, characterized in that it comprises a data/command circuit for the link with said storage device and a display circuit for the link with said display device, the inlets/outlets of said data/command circuit and said display circuit being electrically independent (col. 1, lines 50-67, col. 2, lines 1-14, lines 44-67, col. 3, lines 1-50). Although, Ozil discloses the

peripheral device. He does not expressly disclose the display device. In the same field of endeavor, Mooney discloses the display device (summary, col. 4, lines 1-45).

The same motivation that was utilized in the combination of claim 7 applies equally as well to claim 13.

11. As per claim 14, Ozil discloses the box characterized in that the only logic link between the data circulating in the data/commands and display circuits is the software of said protected device (col. 2, lines 1-14, lines 44-67, col. 3, lines 1-50).

12. As per claim 15, Ozil discloses the box characterized in that it comprises a keyboard allowing to enter data, such as a confidential code (col. 2, lines 1-14, lines 44-67, col. 3, lines 1-50).

13. As per claim 16, Ozil discloses an authentication device comprising storage device, a protected device connected to said storage device, a display device connected to said protected device to form a secure environment, wherein the protected device comprises a microprocessor card, the microprocessor card being configured to form a bridge between the storage device and the display device, and wherein the storage device is an uncertain zone and the display device is a certain zone (col. 1, lines 50-67, col. 2, lines 1-14, lines 44-67, col. 3, lines 1-50). Although, Ozil discloses the peripheral device. He does not expressly disclose the display device. In the same field of endeavor, Mooney discloses the display device (summary, col. 4, lines 1-45).

The same motivation that was utilized in the combination of claim 7 applies equally as well to claim 16.

Conclusion

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammad w. Reza whose telephone number is 571-272-6590. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MOAZZAMI NASSER G can be reached on (571)272-4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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